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Resubmitted: October 13, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission
SUBJECT: Number of Fishing Rods on Michigan Waters (FO-247)

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to provide for better protection and preservation of fish, game and birds.

Discussion and Background:

Earlier this year Fisheries Division held discussions with Great Lakes Advisory Committees to get feedback on a proposal to increase the allowable number of rods. Many fishing organizations supported the change. Comments from the general public were solicited from May – July through the Department's website. An overwhelming majority favored an increase to three rods.

Recently, Michigan law was amended to increase the number of fishing rods for anglers on all public waters of Michigan. The intent of the Act is to allow anglers to fish with three rods (as opposed to the current limit of two) regardless of species and location. The Department does have the authority to reduce the number of rods to two if necessary.

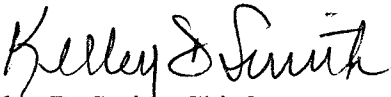
This order rescinds FO-207.00, which previously contained the Great Lakes three fishing rod regulation for trout and salmon fishing.

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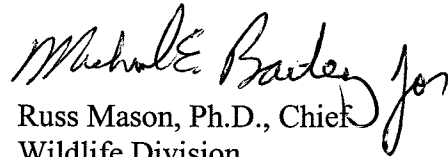
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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information and consideration at the October 9, 2008 Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 6, 2008 calendar and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2008. We are recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.




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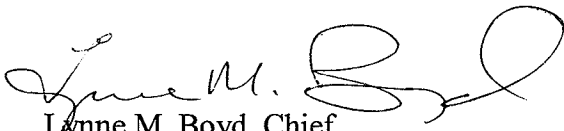
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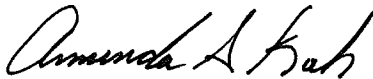
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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

ORDER

NUMBER OF FISHING RODS ON MICHIGAN WATERS

By authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by section 48703 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48703, it is ordered that effective, November 6, 2008, for a period of five years, the following regulations are established for the number of fishing rods on Michigan waters:

On all of the public waters of Michigan, those persons in the act of fishing shall be restricted to using no more than 3 single lines or 3 single rods and lines, and shall not attach more than six hooks total on all lines.

This order shall be assigned number FO-247.09 and is entitled "Number of Fishing Rods on Michigan Waters."

This order rescinds the order entitled "Number of Fishing Rods on the Great Lakes and Connecting Waters" effective September 29, 2000, and assigned number FO-207.00.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2009, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2014.

Issued on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden
Executive Secretary